



Welcome all subscribers, new and old, to our latest newsletter.  
The newsletters will be monthly and a regular way of us keeping you up to date with events and happenings from the YWHS.

October 2025 Newsletter: Goole 2026 celebrations and Digitisation of images and documents.



EVENTS: Goole 2026: Waterways Heritage Festival and Vessel Flotilla

On the weekend of the 17th-19th July, as part of Goole's bicentenary celebrations, YWHS, with a number of partners including ABP, will be running an event to mark the 200th anniversary of the opening of the port and town of Goole. We want to process a flotilla of vessels around Goole docks, just as they did in 1826. If you are a boat owner and would like to take part please register your interest via our website.



OVER ON OUR WEBSITE: Digitisation of photographs and documents

YWHS.org.uk incorporated historic photograph galleries from the earliest days of the website. We started with six subject areas which today has grown into fourteen. Among the latest additions are over 500 photographs of launches at John Harker LTD, Knottingley, donated by waterways historian Ron Gosney. We have also reorganised some of the collection so you'll see, for example **Railway on the Water** - which brings together tugs, pans and hoists into one gallery.

The biggest change you will see is that we now offer you facility to search the entire photograph collection. Try **Search All Picture Galleries** and see what you can find. In addition to the historic Picture Galleries we would like to share news about how we are expanding other aspects of the website.

New Digital Libraries

In 2024 we were able to secure a grant from Goole Fields Windfarm Fund to allow us to digitise a range of VHS video, audio cassette, DVD, film and paper documents. We have been aware for some time that there is significant material relating to Yorkshire waterways in private collections, often hidden away in cupboards, but we wanted to be able to publish it on our website so it can reach a much wider audience.

Take a look at our **Documents Library** under **Boat and Shipbuilding**, and where you will find brochures relating to Richard Dunston and Goole Ship Building and Repairing Company, from the 1950's.

There is a mysterious notebook we've named the Shipping Agent's Notebook dating from the 1850's in the **Curious and Unique Documents Collection**.

Our **Video Library** has launched with two Pathe News recording from the 1930's and will soon be supplemented with the 1969 launch of the *Thuntank V* at Old Goole. Most exciting of all is that we have digitised a number of audio cassette recordings salvaged from the Waterways Museum or found in the Brian Masterman Collection. They involve lots of extra work as we will publish transcriptions of what is being said alongside the audio recordings so that those historic recordings can be enjoyed by as wide an audience as possible, including the hard of hearing or simply those not familiar with the Yorkshire tongue!

Watch out for the launch of our **Oral History Recordings**. They are definitely COMING SOON!

Our first release will be Tom Pudding tug skipper Goff Sherburn, ably assisted by wife Eileen speaking in 1990 about his working life on the Aire and Calder which started forty years earlier.

If you have any material that you think others should see, please get in touch with us, through our **Contact Form**, and we'll see what we can do to have it converted and published.

Thanks for reading - from us all at YWHS, until next time...



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